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**FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT**

**LS 6714**

**BILL NUMBER:** SB 182

**NOTE PREPARED:** Dec 31, 2011

**BILL AMENDED:**

**SUBJECT:** State Educational Institutions; Credit Transfers.

**FIRST AUTHOR:** Sen. Banks

**FIRST SPONSOR:**

**BILL STATUS:** As Introduced

**FUNDS AFFECTED:** ☒ **GENERAL**  
☐ **DEDICATED**  
☐ **FEDERAL**

**IMPACT:** State

**Summary of Legislation:** This bill requires the Commission for Higher Education, in collaboration with the state educational institutions, to develop, implement, and maintain a common course numbering system for general education curriculum courses, and to establish statewide standards to document an individual's completion of a general education curriculum on the individual's transcript.

The bill requires each state educational institution to identify and publish at least 30 general education semester credit hours that, if satisfactorily completed by an individual, the individual may not be required to repeat at another state educational institution. It also requires a state educational institution to give priority in admissions to an individual who holds an associate degree over an out-of-state applicant.

The bill provides that an individual who holds an associate degree is considered to have met at least 30 semester credit hours of the general education requirements for a bachelor's degree. It requires a state educational institution to accept an associate degree from another state educational institution as credit toward a related bachelor's degree.

**Effective Date:** July 1, 2012.

**Explanation of State Expenditures:** The Commission for Higher Education currently has the Core Transfer Library that lists courses that can be transferred between state educational institutions. The library currently has about 85 different courses. It lists courses offered at each state education institution with notes describing the acceptance of the course. The numbering system is different for each educational institution, so there could be some cost associated with standardizing the numbering system. The cost would probably be minor. (Introduction to American Politics at Indiana University is POLY-Y103 but the course is American

Government and Politics at Purdue, POL 10100). There could also be some minor costs associated with establishing statewide standards to document an individual's completion of a general education curriculum on the individual's transcript.

There should be no fiscal impact associated with the identification and publishing at least 30 general education semester credit hours that if completed would not have to be repeated if the student attended another state educational institution. The Core Transfer Library has about 85 course ranging between 3 and 5 credit hours, and is published on the Core Transfer Library website.

**Explanation of State Revenues:** State educational institutions could have a reduction in student fee revenue if transfer students did not have to take as many classes. The reduction in revenue is unknown.

**Explanation of Local Expenditures:**

**Explanation of Local Revenues:**

**State Agencies Affected:** State educational institutions.

**Local Agencies Affected:**

**Information Sources:** Indiana Core Transfer Library, <http://www.transferin.net/CTL.aspx> .

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